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Re: RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Our Ref: B-3289 615920-5/RPB

Date: March 20, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 2023l

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Rejection dated November 21, 2000. A request for a one month extension of the term for responding accompanies this Response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Under the subtitle "DESCRIPTION" on page 1, please cancel the following:

-CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/481,458 which is a national stage application based on PCT/EP93/93700 filed in December 27, 1993 now abandoned --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please caricel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 43. A clean copy of amended claim 43 is shown in the next page. A marked-up copy of old claims 1 and 43 with hand-written amendments is shown in the attached appendix.

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